

PROCLAMATION **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK** JUNE 21-27, 2009

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators provide important emergency communication capabilities as a backup resource during state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators participate in the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program as volunteers providing their communications expertise; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio clubs throughout the state provide radio courses of instruction and assist with grade school and high school programs to help enhance student interest in science, geography and physics, and provide them with an opportunity to become a licensed amateur radio operator; and

WHEREAS, many North Dakota amateur radio operators participate in SKYWARN and provide trained and radio equipped severe weather assistance to the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's amateur radio organizations provide emergency communication support for community and public service events to help ensure the safety of all attendees and participants; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators were instrumental in providing emergency communications during the flooding that occurred across North Dakota this spring, and have provided essential communications capabilities during other emergencies that have impacted our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2009, **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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